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SUBJECT: ENERGY - DOMESTIC TAXES ON PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

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1. IN AUSTRIA, CRUDE OIL AND MAJORITY OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO PETROLEUM TAX (MINERALOELSTEUER) AND FEDERAL PETROLEUM TAX (BUNDESMINERALOELSTEUER). IN ADDITION, ALL CRUDES AND PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO VALUE-ADDED TAX (VAT). VAT IS ASSESSED ON BASIS OF COMMODITY VALUE, PETROLEUM TAXES AND - IF APPLICABLE - OF IMPORT DUTIES. IMPORT DUTIES AND PETROLEUM TAXES ARE CHARGED ON A KILOGRAM RATHER THAN LITER BASIS. IN VIEW OF THIS AND BECAUSE OF DIFFERING SPECIFIC GRAVITY RANGES OF CRUDE OILS AND PETROLEUMPRODUCTS, CHARGES ARE REPORTED IN TERMS OF DOLLARS PER 100 KILOGRAM RATHER THAN IN TERMS OF CENTS PER U.S. GALLON.

2. INFO REQUESTED IN REFTEL FOLLOWS:

PETROLEUM OILS AND OILS MADE FROM BITUMINOUS MINERALS, CRUDE - IMPORT DUTY (ID) DOLLAR/100 KG FROM 0.00 TO 0.83;
PETROLEUM TAX (PT) DOLLAR/100 KG 1.30;
FEDERAL PETROLEUM TAX (FPT) DOLLAR/100 KG 11.27;
VALUE-ADDED TAX (VAT) 16 PERCENT (OF COMMODITY VALUE AFTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALL TAXES AND DUTIES HAVE BEEN ADDED).

PETROLEUM ETHER AND GASOLINE, INCLUDING AVIATION GASOLINE

EXCEPT WHITE SPIRIT -

ID 0.00-1.86; PT 3.01; FPT 14.40; VAT 16 PERCENT.

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KEROSENE - ID 0.00-1.65; PT 1.30; FPT 11.27; VAT 8. 034:3,5.

KEROSENE - BASE JET FUELS - ID 0.00-1.65, PT 1.30; FPT 11.27

VAT 16 PERCENT.

DISTILLATE FUEL OILS (GAS OILS)

A) DIESEL FUEL - ID 0.00-1.06; PT 1.30; FPT 11.27;

VAT 16 PERCENT.

B) DISTILLATE HEATING OIL - ID 0.00-1.06; PT 1.30;

FPT 2.06; VAT 8 PERCENT.

RESIDUAL FUEL OIL (BUNKER "C" FUEL OIL) - ID 0.00-0.83; PT 0;

FPT 0/; VAT 8 PERCENT.

SPINDLE OIL AND LUBRICATING OILS - ID 0.16 PERCENT AD

VALOREM; PT 0; FPT 0; VAT 16 PERCENT.

 ${\tt BENZOL, TOLULOL, XYLOLD - ID~0-10~PERCENT~AD~VALOREM; PT~3.01;}$

FPT 14.40; VAT 16 PERCENT.

LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GASES (PROPAN, BUTANE) - ID 0-10 PERCENT

AD VALOREM; PT 0; FPT 0; VAT 8-16 PERCENT.

3. EXEMPTIONS

(A) IMPORT DUTY

PETROLEUM OILS AND OILS MADE FROM BITUMINOUS MINERALS,

CRUDE - SHOULD ECONOMIC CONDITIONS SO REQUIRE, AUTHORITIES

MAY GRANT PARTIAL OR TOTAL EXEMPTION FROM DUTY.

PETROLEUM ETHER AND GASOLINE, INCLUDING AVIATION GASOLINE,

EXCEPT WHITE SPIRIT - UP TO A QUANTITY OF 400,000 METRIC

TONS P.A., IMPORTS OF MOTOR GASOLINE ARE DUTY-FREE.

RESIDUAL FUEL OIL - AUTHORITIES MAY GRANT PARTIAL OR

TOTAL EXEMPTION FROM DUTY PROVIDED THE SUBJECT OILS ARE

PRODUCED DOMESTICALLY IN INSUFFICIENT QUANTITIES.

(B) PETROLEUM TAXES

 ${\tt PETROLEUM\ PRODUCTS,\ USED\ COMMERCIALLY\ FOR\ PURPOSES}$

OTHER THAN FOR HEATING, LIGHTING OR AS MOTOR FUEL, $\,$

ARE EXEMPT FROM PETROLEUM TAXES. AVIATION GASOLINE

AND KEROSENE-BASE JET FUELS USED TO GAS UP COMMERCIAL

AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED FOR INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS ARE EXEMPT

FROM PETROLEUM TAXES.

FOR DIESEL FUEL USED TO OPERATE RAILROADS AND

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AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY, THE SCHILLING EQUIVALENT OF DOLLAR 0.08 IS REFUNDED FROM RECEIVED FEDERAL PETROLEUM TAX PER LITER OF CONSUMED FUEL.

(C) VALUE-ADDED TAX

AVIATION GASOLINE AND KEROSENE-BASE JET FUELS FOR CONSUMPTION BY COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT IN INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS ARE EXEMPT FROM VALUE-ADDED TAX.

4. OFFICIAL FIGURES ON AVERAGE ANNUAL YIELD PER UNIT OF PROCESSED CRUDE OIL NOT AVAILABLE. ROUGH EMBASSY ESTIMATE BASED ON DOMESTIC AVERAGE OUTPUT OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS PER METRIC TON OF CRUDE AND ON BUDGETED REVENUES PLACES BUDGET INCOME FROM PETROLEUM TAXES AT ABOUT \$50.00 PER MTERIC TON OF PROCESSED CRUDE.

5. EXCHANGE RATE US\$1.00 - AS16.95 (MIDDLE RATE OF EXCHANGE AS OF JANUARY 8, 1975). HUMES

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